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Guides



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More than a century ago, steam locomotives lugged supplies from Deadwood to Lead and to the miners at Homestake Mine, once the largest goldmine in the Western Hemisphere. This narrow-gauge track fell out of use in the early 20th century, and with it was lost a storied history that connected the two cities. Today, that connection is being re-established, thanks to the efforts of volunteers led by the Northern Hills Recreational Group. The Homestake Railroad Grade Trail as its name suggests follows the same route as the old Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railroad, stretching 3 miles between the Lead Dog Park to the Mitchelson Trailhead in Deadwood. The hiking and mountain-biking trail goes through the historic neighborhoods at either end into a forested escape. Interpretative signage will be added in Spring of 2018, narrating the rich history of the mine, the railroad



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**States:** South Dakota

**Counties:** Lawrence

Length: 3.5miles

**Trail end points:** Lead City Dog Park (Lead) to  
Powerhouse Park (Deadwood)

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Mountain Biking, Walking

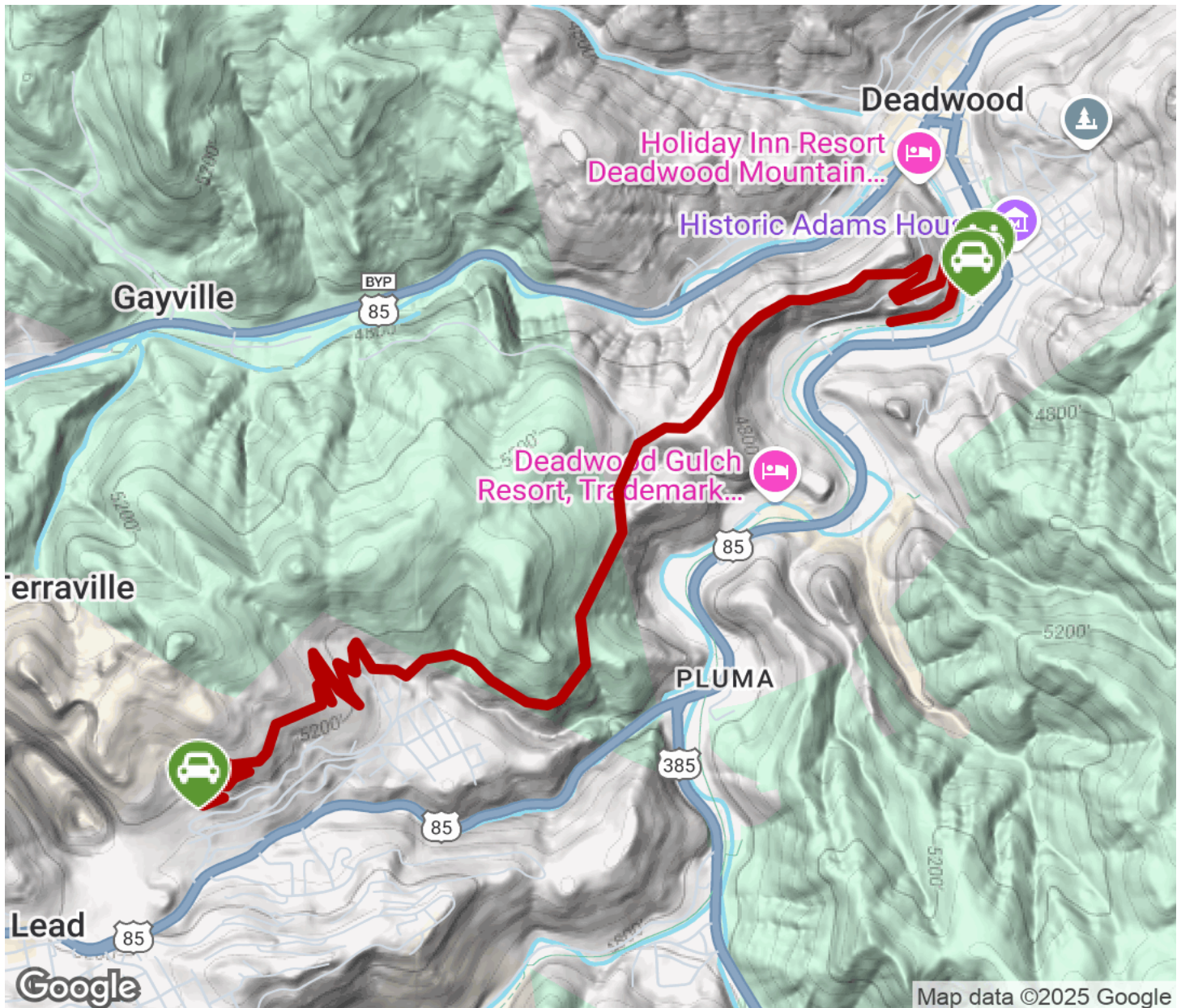
## Parking & Trail Access

You can park at either of the trailheads: Lead City Dog Park is located at 300 Washington St, Lead, while Powerhouse Park can be found on 50 Water St near the start of the Mickelson Trail in Deadwood. Powerhouse Park also features restrooms aside from other park amenities.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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